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App. No. 10/706,281

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Carlos Gabriel Bianchim  
Appl. No. : 10/706,281  
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Title : Electronic ballast for HO fluorescent lamps  
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Examiner : Tuyet Thi Vo  
Docket No. : 023853-00030

Honorable Commissioner of for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Amendment A**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2004, December 17, please and the above  
application as follows: